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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2)

SIR:

In conformance with the Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a), the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention. The Applicants' respectfully request that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear in the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of the references are submitted herewith.

As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2), the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$180.00 specified in 37 CFR §1.17(p) to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any additional fees relevant to this filing to that same account. A duplicate of this sheet is attached for that purpose.

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